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To impose sanctions on persons that threaten the peace or stability of Iraq or the Government of Iraq and to address the emergency in Syria, and for other purposes.

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Mr. Rubio (for himself and Mr. Casey) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

- To impose sanctions on persons that threaten the peace or stability of Iraq or the Government of Iraq and to address the emergency in Syria, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 - 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
 - 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
 - 5 "Preventing Destabilization of Iraq and Syria Act of
 - 6 2017".
 - 7 (b) Table of Contents for
 - 8 this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

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TITLE I—MEASURES TO ADDRESS THREATS TO PEACE OR STABILITY OF IRAQ AND SYRIA

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- Sec. 301. Imposition of sanctions with respect to certain persons who are responsible for or complicit in human rights abuses committed against citizens of Syria or their family members.
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- Sec. 402. Report on certain persons who are responsible for or complicit in certain human rights violations in Syria.
- Sec. 403. Assessment of potential effectiveness of and requirements for the establishment of a no-fly zone, safe zones, or a no-bombing zone in Svria.
- Sec. 404. Assistance to support entities taking actions relating to gathering evidence for investigations into war crimes or crimes against humanity in Syria since March 2011.
- Sec. 405. Appropriate congressional committees defined.

TITLE V—SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SYRIA

- Sec. 501. Suspension of sanctions with respect to Syria.
- Sec. 502. Waivers and exemptions.
- Sec. 503. Appropriate congressional committees defined.

TITLE VI—REGULATORY AUTHORITY AND SUNSET

Sec. 601. Regulatory authority.

Sec. 602. Sunset.

1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

- 2 Congress makes the following findings:
- 3 (1) More than 14,000,000 Syrians have become 4 refugees or internally displaced persons over the last 5 five years.
 - (2) The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights has reported that since 2012, more than 60,000 Syrians, including children, have died in Syrian prisons.
 - (3) In July 2014, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives heard testimony from a former Syrian military photographer, alias "Caesar", who fled Syria and smuggled out thousands of photos of tortured bodies. In testimony, Caesar said, "I have seen horrendous pictures of bodies of people who had tremendous amounts of torture, deep wounds and burns and strangulation.".
 - (4) The regime of Bashar al-Assad has repeatedly blocked civilian access to or diverted humanitarian assistance, including medical supplies, to besieged and hard-to-reach areas, in violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions.
 - (5) The need for humanitarian assistance remains significant. According to the United Nations,

| 1 | in 2016 only 46 percent of the overall humanitarian |
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| 2 | appeal for Syria was met, leaving significant gaps in |
| 3 | the response. |
| 4 | (6) The course of the Syrian transition and its |
| 5 | future leadership may depend on what the United |
| 6 | States and its partners do now to save Syrian lives |
| 7 | alleviate suffering, and help Syrians determine their |
| 8 | own future. |
| 9 | TITLE I—MEASURES TO AD- |
| 10 | DRESS THREATS TO PEACE |
| 11 | OR STABILITY OF IRAQ AND |
| 12 | SYRIA |
| 13 | SEC. 101. STATEMENT OF POLICY. |
| 14 | It shall be the policy of the United States to impose |
| 15 | sanctions with respect to terrorist organizations and for- |
| 16 | eign countries, including the Government of Iran and the |
| 17 | Government of the Russian Federation, that threaten the |
| 18 | peace or stability of Iraq or Syria. |
| 19 | SEC. 102. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO |
| 20 | CERTAIN FOREIGN PERSONS THREATENING |
| 21 | PEACE OR STABILITY IN IRAQ AND SYRIA. |
| 22 | (a) Sanctions Required.—The President shall im- |
| 23 | pose the sanctions described in subsection (b)(1) with re- |
| 24 | spect to any foreign person that— |

| 1 | (1) is responsible for or complicit in, or to have |
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| 2 | engaged in, directly or indirectly— |
| 3 | (A) actions that threaten the peace, secu- |
| 4 | rity, or stability of Iraq or Syria; |
| 5 | (B) actions or policies that undermine ef- |
| 6 | forts to promote economic reconstruction and |
| 7 | political reform in Iraq; or |
| 8 | (C) the obstruction of the delivery or dis- |
| 9 | tribution of, or access to, humanitarian assist- |
| 10 | ance to the people of Iraq or Syria; |
| 11 | (2) has materially assisted, sponsored, or pro- |
| 12 | vided financial, material, or technological support |
| 13 | for, or goods or services to or in support of, any ac- |
| 14 | tivity described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of |
| 15 | paragraph (1); or |
| 16 | (3) is owned or controlled by, or has acted or |
| 17 | purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indi- |
| 18 | rectly, a foreign person that has carried out any ac- |
| 19 | tivity described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of |
| 20 | paragraph (1) or paragraph (2). |
| 21 | (b) Sanctions Described.— |
| 22 | (1) In general.—The sanctions described in |
| 23 | this subsection are the following: |
| 24 | (A) Asset blocking.—The President |
| 25 | shall block, in accordance with the International |

Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), all transactions in all property and interests in property of a person subject to subsection (a) if such property and interests in property are in the United States, come within the United States, or are or come within the possession or control of a United States person.

- (B) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, AD-MISSION, OR PAROLE.—
 - (i) EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED STATES.—The Secretary of State shall deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall exclude from the United States, any person subject to subsection (a) that is an alien.

(ii) Current visas revoked.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—The issuing consular officer, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of Homeland Security (or a designee of one of such Secretaries) shall revoke any visa or other entry documentation issued to an alien subject to subsection (a), regardless of when issued.

| | (II) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.— |
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| 2 | A revocation under subclause (I) shall |
| 3 | take effect immediately and shall |
| 1 | automatically cancel any other valid |
| 5 | visa or entry documentation that is in |
| 6 | the alien's possession. |

- (2) Inapplicability of national emergency requirements of section 202 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall not apply for purposes of the imposition of sanctions under this section.
- (3) Penalties.—A person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of paragraph (1)(A) or any regulation, license, or order issued to carry out that paragraph shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.
- (4) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to an alien

essary to permit the United States is necessary to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.

(c) Waiver.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may, on a case-by-case basis and for periods not to exceed 180 days, waive the application of sanctions under this section with respect to a foreign person, and may renew the waiver for additional periods of not more than 180 days, if the President determines and reports to the appropriate congressional committees at least 15 days before the waiver or renewal of the waiver is to take effect that the waiver is vital to the national security interests of the United States.
- (2) FORM OF REPORT.—A report submitted under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.
- (3) SUNSET.—The provisions of this subsection and any waivers issued pursuant to this subsection shall terminate on the date that is 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (d) Implementation Authority.—The President may exercise all authorities provided to the President under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-3 4 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) 5 for purposes of carrying out this section. 6 (e) Regulatory Authority.— 7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, not 8 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment 9 of this Act, promulgate regulations as necessary for 10 the implementation of this section. 11 (2) Notification to congress.—Not less 12 than 10 days before the promulgation of regulations 13 under paragraph (1), the President shall notify and 14 provide to the appropriate congressional committees 15 the proposed regulations and the provisions of this 16 Act and the amendments made by this Act that the 17 regulations are implementing. 18 (f) Definitions.—In this section: (1) Admitted; Alien.—The terms "admitted" 19 and "alien" have the meanings given those terms in 20 21 section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality 22 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)). 23 (2) Appropriate congressional commit-TEES.—The term "appropriate congressional com-24

mittees" means—

| 1 | (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the |
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| 2 | Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on |
| 3 | Ways and Means, and the Committee on Finan- |
| 4 | cial Services of the House of Representatives; |
| 5 | and |
| 6 | (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations, |
| 7 | the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee |
| 8 | on Finance, and the Committee on Banking, |
| 9 | Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate. |
| 10 | (3) Foreign person.—The term "foreign per- |
| 11 | son" means— |
| 12 | (A) an individual who is not a United |
| 13 | States person; |
| 14 | (B) a corporation, partnership, or other |
| 15 | nongovernmental entity that is not a United |
| 16 | States person; or |
| 17 | (C) any representative, agent or instru- |
| 18 | mentality of, or an individual working on behalf |
| 19 | of a foreign government. |
| 20 | (4) GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ.—The term "Gov- |
| 21 | ernment of Iraq" has the meaning given that term |
| 22 | in section 576.310 of title 31, Code of Federal Reg- |
| 23 | ulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or |
| 24 | ruling). |

- 1 (5) GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA.—The term "Government of Syria" has the meaning given that term in section 542.305 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or ruling).
 - (6) Knowingly.—The term "knowingly", with respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result, means that a person has actual knowledge, or should have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the result.
 - (7) Person.—The term "person" means an individual or entity.
 - (8) PROPERTY; PROPERTY INTEREST.—The terms "property" and "property interest" have the meanings given those terms in section 576.312 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or ruling).
- 18 (9) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
 19 "United States person" has the meaning given that
 20 term in section 576.319 of title 31, Code of Federal
 21 Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation
 22 or ruling).
- 23 (g) Sunset.—This section shall cease to be effective24 beginning on January 1, 2022.

| 1 | SEC. 103. DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO IMPOSI- |
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| 2 | TION OF SANCTIONS ON CERTAIN IRANIAN, |
| 3 | SYRIAN, AND RUSSIAN PERSONS. |
| 4 | (a) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Con- |
| 5 | gress that the Government of Iran, the Government of |
| 6 | Syria, and the Government of the Russian Federation are |
| 7 | responsible for or complicit in, or to have engaged in, di- |
| 8 | rectly or indirectly— |
| 9 | (1) actions that threaten the peace, security, or |
| 10 | stability of Iraq or Syria; |
| 11 | (2) actions or policies that undermine efforts to |
| 12 | promote economic reconstruction and political re- |
| 13 | form in Iraq; and |
| 14 | (3) actions that obstruct the delivery or dis- |
| 15 | tribution of humanitarian assistance to, or access to |
| 16 | such assistance by, the people of Iraq or Syria. |
| 17 | (b) Determinations.— |
| 18 | (1) In General.—The President shall, not |
| 19 | later than 45 days after the date of the enactment |
| 20 | of this Act, determine whether any Iranian person, |
| 21 | Syrian person, or Russian person has engaged in ac- |
| 22 | tivities described in section 102(a). |
| 23 | (2) Determinations with respect to cer- |
| 24 | TAIN PERSONS.—In making determinations under |
| 25 | paragraph (1), the President shall make a deter- |
| 26 | mination with respect to whether each of the fol- |

| 1 | lowing has engaged in activities described in section |
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| 2 | 102(a): |
| 3 | (A) The Supreme Leader of Iran. |
| 4 | (B) The President of Iran. |
| 5 | (C) Members of the Council of Guardians |
| 6 | of Iran. |
| 7 | (D) Members of the Expediency Council of |
| 8 | Iran. |
| 9 | (E) The Minister of Intelligence and Secu- |
| 10 | rity of Iran. |
| 11 | (F) The Commander of the Iran's Revolu- |
| 12 | tionary Guard Corps. |
| 13 | (G) The Minister of Defense of Iran. |
| 14 | (H) Members of Iran's Revolutionary |
| 15 | Guard Corps. |
| 16 | (I) The President of Syria. |
| 17 | (J) The Minister of Defense of Syria. |
| 18 | (K) The President of the Russian Federa- |
| 19 | tion. |
| 20 | (L) The Prime Minister of the Russian |
| 21 | Federation. |
| 22 | (M) The Minister of Defense of the Rus- |
| 23 | sian Federation. |
| 24 | (3) Effect of Determination.—If the Presi- |
| 25 | dent determines a person has engaged in activities |

| 1 | described in section 102(a), the President shall, sub- |
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| 2 | ject to the waiver authority provided under section |
| 3 | 102(c), impose the sanctions described in section |
| 4 | 102(b) with respect to that person. |
| 5 | (4) Report.— |
| 6 | (A) In general.—The President shall |
| 7 | submit to the appropriate congressional com- |
| 8 | mittees a report on the determinations made |
| 9 | under paragraph (1) that includes— |
| 10 | (i) the reasons for those determina- |
| 11 | tions; |
| 12 | (ii) an identification of the persons |
| 13 | that have engaged in activities described in |
| 14 | section 102(a); and |
| 15 | (iii) a statement of whether the Presi- |
| 16 | dent has imposed the sanctions described |
| 17 | in section 102(b) with respect to those per- |
| 18 | sons and, if not, the reasons why the |
| 19 | President has not imposed sanctions with |
| 20 | respect to those persons. |
| 21 | (B) FORM.—A report submitted under |
| 22 | subparagraph (A) shall be submitted in unclas- |
| 23 | sified form but may include a classified annex. |
| 24 | (5) Definitions.—In this subsection: |

| 1 | (A) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM- |
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| 2 | MITTEES.—The term "appropriate congres- |
| 3 | sional committees" means— |
| 4 | (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, |
| 5 | the Committee on Ways and Means, and |
| 6 | the Committee on Financial Services of the |
| 7 | House of Representatives; and |
| 8 | (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela- |
| 9 | tions, the Committee on Finance, and the |
| 10 | Committee on Banking, Housing, and |
| 11 | Urban Affairs of the Senate. |
| 12 | (B) Iranian Person.—The term "Iranian |
| 13 | person" means— |
| 14 | (i) an individual who is a citizen or |
| 15 | national of Iran; or |
| 16 | (ii) an entity organized under the laws |
| 17 | of Iran or otherwise subject to the jurisdic- |
| 18 | tion of the Government of Iran. |
| 19 | (C) Russian Person.—The term "Rus- |
| 20 | sian person" means— |
| 21 | (i) an individual who is a citizen or |
| 22 | national of the Russian Federation; or |
| 23 | (ii) an entity organized under the laws |
| 24 | of Russia or otherwise subject to the juris- |

| 1 | diction of the Government of the Russian |
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| 2 | Federation. |
| 3 | (D) Syrian Person.—The term "Syrian |
| 4 | person' means— |
| 5 | (i) an individual who is a citizen or |
| 6 | national of Syria; or |
| 7 | (ii) an entity organized under the laws |
| 8 | of Syria or otherwise subject to the juris- |
| 9 | diction of the Government of Syria. |
| 10 | SEC. 104. REPORT ON IRANIAN ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ AND |
| 11 | SYRIA. |
| 12 | (a) Report.—Not later than 60 days after the date |
| 13 | of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days there- |
| 14 | after for a period not to exceed 5 years, the President shall |
| 15 | submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re- |
| 16 | port on Iranian activities in Iraq and Syria. |
| 17 | (b) Matters To Be Included.—The report re- |
| 18 | quired by subsection (a) shall include— |
| 19 | (1) a description of Iran's support for— |
| 20 | (A) Iraqi militias or political parties, in- |
| 21 | cluding weapons, financing, and other forms of |
| 22 | material support; and |
| 23 | (B) the regime of Bashar al-Assad in |
| 24 | Syria; and |

- 1 (2) a list of referrals to the relevant United Na-
- 2 tions Security Council sanctions committees by the
- 3 United States Permanent Representative to the
- 4 United Nations.
- 5 (c) FORM.—The President may submit the report re-
- 6 quired by subsection (a) in classified form if the President
- 7 determines that it is necessary for the national security
- 8 interests of the United States to do so.
- 9 (d) Appropriate Congressional Committees
- 10 Defined.—In this section, the term "appropriate con-
- 11 gressional committees" means—
- 12 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Per-
- manent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
- mittee on Armed Services, the Committee on Ways
- and Means, and the Committee on Financial Serv-
- ices of the House of Representatives; and
- 17 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
- 18 Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on
- 19 Armed Services, the Committee on Finance, and the
- 20 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
- of the Senate.
- 22 SEC. 105. ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA.
- 23 (a) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Con-
- 24 gress that the Government of Syria is in violation of nu-
- 25 merous United Nations Security Council Resolutions re-

- 1 garding the provision of humanitarian assistance to the
- 2 people of Syria and that the Government of the Russian
- 3 Federation is complicit in the humanitarian crisis in Syria
- 4 because of its failure to enforce those Resolutions.
- 5 (b) AUTHORITY.—The President is authorized, not-
- 6 withstanding any other provision of law, to furnish, on
- 7 such terms and conditions as the President may deter-
- 8 mine, assistance in order to—
- 9 (1) provide enhanced support for humanitarian
- activities taking place in and outside Syria, including
- the provision of food, shelter, water, health care,
- medical supplies, livelihoods, education, and other
- services and support, as appropriate;
- 14 (2) promote humanitarian access to populations
- in need;
- 16 (3) support efforts for a peaceful resolution of
- 17 the conflict in Syria as well as the establishment of
- an inclusive representative form of government in
- 19 Syria;
- 20 (4) build the capacity of legitimate local coun-
- 21 cils and leaders inside Syria to provide basic services
- 22 to Syrian people in territory liberated from the Is-
- 23 lamic State of Iraq and Syria;
- 24 (5) continue to encourage the participation of
- all groups, including women, business leaders, civil

- society organizations, traditional and religious leaders, and minority groups in efforts for a peaceful resolution of the conflict and political transition in Syria;
 - (6) encourage international bodies to insist that transitional and future governments are committed to multiparty democracy, open and transparent governance, respect for human rights and religious freedom, ending the violence throughout the country, promoting peace and stability with Syria's neighbors, enhancing the rule of law and combating corruption, and rehabilitating and reintegrating former combatants;
 - (7) contribute seed funding to establish a Syria Reconstruction Fund, which would leverage contributions from other international donors, including governments in the region, and be used for physical reconstruction, reestablishment of basic services, and civil society capacity building in Syria after the cessation of the conflict and the fall of the regime of Bashar al-Assad;
 - (8) contribute future capacity building for legitimate governing institutions after a political transition takes place in Syria;

- (9) expand the public awareness-raising cam-paign of the United States Government about humanitarian United States assistance efforts through both English-language and regional tradi-tional media sources, as well as social or new media sources; and
 - (10) develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to address the primary drivers of the conflict in Syria, including through peace-building and good governance programming.

(c) Funding.—

- (1) FISCAL YEARS 2017 AND 2018.—Of the amounts made available to carry out the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) for fiscal years 2017 and 2018, such sums as may be necessary should be allocated for bilateral assistance programs in Syria.
- (2) Future funding.—It is the sense of Congress that the Department of State should submit a budget request for fiscal year 2018 that contains an appropriate increase in bilateral and multilateral assistance for Syria based on progress toward accomplishing the policy objectives described in subsection (b).

| 1 | (3) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pur- |
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| 2 | suant to the authorization of appropriations under |
| 3 | paragraphs (1) and (2)— |
| 4 | (A) are authorized to remain available |
| 5 | until expended; and |
| 6 | (B) are in addition to funds otherwise |
| 7 | available for such purposes. |
| 8 | (d) Coordination With Other Donor Na- |
| 9 | TIONS.—The United States should work with other donor |
| 10 | countries, on a bilateral and multilateral basis, to increase |
| 11 | international contributions to the people of Syria and ac- |
| 12 | complish the policy objectives described in subsection (b). |
| 13 | (e) Notification Requirement.— |
| 14 | (1) In general.—In cases where the authority |
| 15 | in this section is relied upon to overcome applicable |
| 16 | restrictions on the provision of assistance to Syria, |
| 17 | obligation of such funds shall be subject to the noti- |
| 18 | fication requirement of section 634A(a) of the For- |
| 19 | eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2394–1(a)). |
| 20 | (2) Waiver.—Notification under paragraph (1) |
| 21 | may be waived if failure to do so would pose a sub- |
| 22 | stantial risk to human health or welfare, in which |
| 23 | case notification shall be provided as early as prac- |
| 24 | ticable, but in no event later than 3 days after tak- |
| 25 | ing the action to which such notification requirement |

| 1 | was applicable. The waiver shall be accompanied by |
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| 2 | an explanation of the emergency circumstances ne- |
| 3 | cessitating the waiver. |
| 4 | TITLE II—ADDITIONAL ACTIONS |
| 5 | IN CONNECTION WITH THE |
| 6 | NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH |
| 7 | RESPECT TO SYRIA |
| 8 | SEC. 201. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CENTRAL BANK |
| 9 | OF SYRIA AND FOREIGN PERSONS THAT EN- |
| 10 | GAGE IN CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS. |
| 11 | (a) Application of Certain Measures to Cen- |
| 12 | TRAL BANK OF SYRIA.—The President shall apply the |
| 13 | measures described in section 5318A(b)(5) of title 31, |
| 14 | United States Code, to the Central Bank of Syria. |
| 15 | (b) Imposition of Sanctions With Respect to |
| 16 | FOREIGN PERSONS THAT ENGAGE IN CERTAIN TRANS- |
| 17 | ACTIONS.— |
| 18 | (1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that |
| 19 | is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this |
| 20 | Act, the President shall impose on a foreign person |
| 21 | the sanctions described in subsection (c) if the for- |
| 22 | eign person has knowingly engaged in an activity de- |
| 23 | scribed in paragraph (2). |

| 1 | (2) Activities described.—A foreign person |
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| 2 | engages in an activity described in this paragraph if |
| 3 | the foreign person— |
| 4 | (A) knowingly provides significant finan- |
| 5 | cial, material, or technological support to (in- |
| 6 | cluding engaging in or facilitating a significant |
| 7 | transaction or transactions with) or provides |
| 8 | significant financial services for— |
| 9 | (i) the Government of Syria (including |
| 10 | government entities operating as a busi- |
| 11 | ness enterprise) and the Central Bank of |
| 12 | Syria, including Syria's intelligence and se- |
| 13 | curity services or its armed forces, or any |
| 14 | of its agents or affiliates; or |
| 15 | (ii) a foreign person subject to finan- |
| 16 | cial sanctions pursuant to— |
| 17 | (I) the International Emergency |
| 18 | Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. |
| 19 | 1701 et seq.) with respect to Syria or |
| 20 | any other provision of law that im- |
| 21 | poses sanctions with respect to Syria; |
| 22 | or |
| 23 | (II) a resolution that is agreed to |
| 24 | by the United Nations Security Coun- |

| 1 | cil that imposes sanctions with respect |
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| 2 | to Syria; |
| 3 | (B) knowingly— |
| 4 | (i) sells or provides significant goods, |
| 5 | services, technology, information, or sup- |
| 6 | port that could directly and significantly |
| 7 | facilitate the maintenance or expansion of |
| 8 | Syria's domestic production of natural gas |
| 9 | or petroleum or petroleum products of Syr- |
| 10 | ian origin; |
| 11 | (ii) sells or provides to Syria crude oil |
| 12 | or condensate, refined petroleum products, |
| 13 | liquefied natural gas, or petrochemical |
| 14 | products that have a fair market value of |
| 15 | \$500,000 or more or that during a 12- |
| 16 | month period have an aggregate fair mar- |
| 17 | ket value of \$2,000,000 or more; |
| 18 | (iii) sells or otherwise provides civilian |
| 19 | aircraft or spare parts, or provides signifi- |
| 20 | cant goods, services, or technologies associ- |
| 21 | ated with the operation of aircraft or air- |
| 22 | lines to any foreign person operating in the |
| 23 | areas controlled by the Government of |
| 24 | Syria; or |

| 1 | (iv) sells or otherwise provides signifi- |
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| 2 | cant goods, services, or technology to a for- |
| 3 | eign person operating in the shipping (in- |
| 4 | cluding ports and free trade zones), trans- |
| 5 | portation, or telecommunications sectors in |
| 6 | areas controlled by the Government of |
| 7 | Syria; |
| 8 | (C) knowingly engages in money laun- |
| 9 | dering to carry out an activity described in sub- |
| 10 | paragraph (A) or (B); |
| 11 | (D) knowingly facilitates efforts by a for- |
| 12 | eign person to carry out an activity described in |
| 13 | subparagraph (A) or (B); |
| 14 | (E) knowingly provides loans, credits (in- |
| 15 | cluding export credits), or financing to carry |
| 16 | out an activity described in subparagraph (A) |
| 17 | or (B); and |
| 18 | (F) is owned or controlled by a foreign |
| 19 | person that engages in the activities described |
| 20 | in subparagraphs (A) through (D). |
| 21 | (c) Sanctions Described.— |
| 22 | (1) In general.—The sanctions to be imposed |
| 23 | on a foreign person described in subsection (b) are |
| 24 | the following: |

| 1 | (A) Assets freeze.—The President shall |
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| 2 | exercise all powers granted by the International |
| 3 | Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. |
| 4 | 1701 et seq.) (except that the requirements of |
| 5 | section 202 of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall |
| 6 | not apply) to the extent necessary to freeze and |
| 7 | prohibit all transactions in all property and in- |
| 8 | terests in property of the foreign person if such |
| 9 | property and interests in property are in the |
| 10 | United States, come within the United States, |
| 11 | or are or come within the possession or control |
| 12 | of a United States person. |
| 13 | (B) Aliens ineligible for visas, ad- |
| 14 | MISSION, OR PAROLE.— |
| 15 | (i) Exclusion from the united |
| 16 | STATES.—If the foreign person is an indi- |
| 17 | vidual, the Secretary of State shall deny a |
| 18 | visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Se- |
| 19 | curity shall exclude from the United |
| 20 | States, the foreign person. |
| 21 | (ii) Current visas revoked.— |
| 22 | (I) In General.—The issuing |
| 23 | consular officer, the Secretary of |
| 24 | State, or the Secretary of Homeland |

Security (or a designee of one of such

Secretaries) shall revoke any visa or other entry documentation issued to the foreign person regardless of when issued.

- (II) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—
 A revocation under subclause (I) shall take effect immediately and shall automatically cancel any other valid visa or entry documentation that is in the possession of the foreign person.
- (2) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to a foreign person if admitting the person into the United States is necessary to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.
- (3) Penalties.—The penalties provided for in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that knowingly

violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of any regulation, license, or order issued to carry out paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection to the same extent that such penalties apply to a person that knowingly commits an unlawful act described in section 206(a) of that Act.

(d) Definitions.—In this section:

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- (1) Financial, material, or technological support" has the meaning given such term in section 542.304 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or ruling).
- (2) GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA.—The term "Government of Syria" has the meaning given such term in section 542.305 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or ruling).
- (3) Knowingly.—The term "knowingly", with respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result, means that a person has actual knowledge, or should have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the result.
- 24 (4) Money Laundering.—The term "money 25 laundering" means the movement of illicit cash or

- cash equivalent proceeds into, out of, or through a country, or into, out of, or through a financial institution.
- (5) Petroleum or petroleum products of Syrian origin.—The term "petroleum or petroleum products of Syrian origin" has the meaning given such term in section 542.314 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or ruling).
- 10 (6)SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTION OR TRANS-11 ACTIONS; SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SERVICES.—A 12 transaction or transactions or financial services shall 13 be determined to be significant for purposes of this 14 section in accordance with section 566.404 of title 15 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any cor-16 responding similar regulation or ruling).
 - (7) Syria.—The term "Syria" has the meaning given such term in section 542.316 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or ruling).

21 SEC. 202. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSFER OF

- 22 ARMS AND RELATED MATERIALS TO SYRIA.
- 23 (a) Imposition of Sanctions.—
- 24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose 25 on a foreign person the sanctions described in sub-

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| 1 | section (b) if the President determines that such for- |
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| 2 | eign person has, on or after the date of the enact- |
| 3 | ment of this Act, knowingly exported, transferred, or |
| 4 | otherwise provided to Syria significant financial, ma- |
| 5 | terial, or technological support that contributes ma- |
| 6 | terially to the ability of Government of Syria to— |
| 7 | (A) acquire or develop chemical, biological |
| 8 | or nuclear weapons or related technologies; |
| 9 | (B) acquire or develop ballistic or cruise |
| 10 | missile capabilities; |
| 11 | (C) acquire or develop destabilizing num- |
| 12 | bers and types of advanced conventional weap- |
| 13 | ons; |
| 14 | (D) acquire defense articles, defense serv- |
| 15 | ices, or defense information (as such terms are |
| 16 | defined under the Arms Export Control Act (22 |
| 17 | U.S.C. 2751 et seq.)); or |
| 18 | (E) acquire items designated by the Presi- |
| 19 | dent for purposes of the United States Muni- |
| 20 | tions List under section 38(a)(1) of the Arms |
| 21 | Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(a)(1)). |
| 22 | (2) Applicability to other foreign per- |
| 23 | sons.—The sanctions described in subsection (b) |
| 24 | shall also be imposed on any foreign person that |

| 1 | (A) is a successor entity to a foreign per- |
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| 2 | son described in paragraph (1); or |
| 3 | (B) is owned or controlled by, or has acted |
| 4 | or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly |
| 5 | or indirectly, a foreign person described in |
| 6 | paragraph (1). |
| 7 | (b) Sanctions Described.— |
| 8 | (1) In general.—The sanctions to be imposed |
| 9 | on a foreign person described in subsection (a) are |
| 10 | the following: |
| 11 | (A) Asset freeze.—The President shall |
| 12 | exercise all powers granted by the International |
| 13 | Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. |
| 14 | 1701 et seq.) (except that the requirements of |
| 15 | section 202 of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall |
| 16 | not apply) to the extent necessary to freeze and |
| 17 | prohibit all transactions in all property and in- |
| 18 | terests in property of the foreign person if such |
| 19 | property and interests in property are in the |
| 20 | United States, come within the United States, |
| 21 | or are or come within the possession or control |
| 22 | of a United States person. |
| 23 | (B) Aliens ineligible for visas, ad- |
| 24 | MISSION, OR PAROLE.— |

| 1 | (i) Exclusion from the united |
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| 2 | STATES.—If the foreign person is an indi- |
| 3 | vidual, the Secretary of State shall deny a |
| 4 | visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Se- |
| 5 | curity shall exclude from the United |
| 6 | States, the foreign person. |
| 7 | (ii) Current visas revoked.— |
| 8 | (I) In general.—The issuing |
| 9 | consular officer, the Secretary of |
| 10 | State, or the Secretary of Homeland |
| 11 | Security (or a designee of one of such |
| 12 | Secretaries) shall revoke any visa or |
| 13 | other entry documentation issued to |
| 14 | the foreign person regardless of when |
| 15 | issued. |
| 16 | (II) Effect of revocation.— |
| 17 | A revocation under subclause (I) shall |
| 18 | take effect immediately and shall |
| 19 | automatically cancel any other valid |
| 20 | visa or entry documentation that is in |
| 21 | the possession of the foreign person. |
| 22 | (2) Exception to comply with united na- |
| 23 | TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions |
| 24 | under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to a foreign |
| 25 | person if admitting the person into the United |

- States is necessary to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.
 - (3) Penalties.—A person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of any regulation, license, or order issued to carry out paragraph (1)(A) shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

(c) Definitions.—In this section:

- (1) FINANCIAL, MATERIAL, OR TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT.—The term "financial, material, or technological support" has the meaning given such term in section 542.304 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or ruling).
- 24 (2) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term "foreign per-25 son" has the meaning given such term in section

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| 1 | 594.304 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or |
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| 2 | any corresponding similar regulation or ruling). |
| 3 | (3) Knowingly.—The term "knowingly" has |
| 4 | the meaning given such term in section 566.312 of |
| 5 | title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any cor- |
| 6 | responding similar regulation or ruling). |
| 7 | (4) Syria.—The term "Syria" has the meaning |
| 8 | given such term in section 542.316 of title 31, Code |
| 9 | of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar |
| 10 | regulation or ruling). |
| 11 | (5) United states person.—The term |
| 12 | "United States person" has the meaning given such |
| 13 | term in section 542.319 of title 31, Code of Federal |
| 14 | Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation |
| 15 | or ruling). |
| 16 | SEC. 203. IMPOSITION, AND CONDITIONAL TERMINATION, |
| 17 | OF SANCTIONS RELATING TO SIGNIFICANT |
| 18 | ARMS SALES TO SYRIA. |
| 19 | (a) Imposition of Sanctions With Respect to |
| 20 | THE CENTRAL BANK OF SYRIA AND OTHER SYRIAN FI- |
| 21 | NANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.— |
| 22 | (1) In general.—The President shall prohibit |
| 23 | the opening, and prohibit or impose strict conditions |
| 24 | on the maintaining, in the United States of a cor- |

respondent account or a payable-through account by

- a foreign financial institution that the President determines has knowingly conducted any significant arms sale to—
 - (A) the regime of Bashar al-Assad through the Central Bank of Syria or another Syrian financial institution designated by the Secretary of the Treasury for the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); or
 - (B) any Syrian person added after April 28, 2011, and before the date of the enactment of this Act, to the list of specially designated nationals and blocked persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury.
 - (2) EXCEPTION FOR HUMANITARIAN TRANS-ACTIONS.—The President may not impose sanctions under paragraph (1) on a foreign financial institution for engaging in a transaction with the Central Bank of Syria for the sale of food, medicine, medical devices, donations intended to relieve human suffering, or non-lethal aid to the people of Syria.
 - (3) APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (1) applies with respect to financial transactions commenced on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) Waiver.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive the application of paragraph (1) with respect to a foreign financial institution for a period of not more than 180 days, and may renew that waiver for additional periods of not more than 180 days, if the President determines and reports to the appropriate congressional committees that the waiver is necessary to the national security interest of the United States.
 - (B) FORM.—A report submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(b) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements under subsection (a) to impose sanctions shall no longer have force or effect with respect to Syria if the President determines and certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the termination of such sanctions is in the national security interest of the United States.
- (2) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Upon making the certification described in paragraph (1), the

| 1 | President shall submit to the appropriate congres- |
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| 2 | sional committees a report assessing— |
| 3 | (A) the extent to which Bashar al-Assad or |
| 4 | members of his regime control Syrian territory; |
| 5 | (B) the existence and capability of a demo- |
| 6 | cratic transitional government to control Syrian |
| 7 | territory and provide basic services to the Syr- |
| 8 | ian people; |
| 9 | (C) whether the transitional government |
| 10 | supports acts of terrorism or has committed |
| 11 | human rights violations; and |
| 12 | (D) whether the transitional government is |
| 13 | cooperating with the United States Government |
| 14 | in locating, securing, and removing conventional |
| 15 | and unconventional weapons. |
| 16 | (c) Definitions.—In this section: |
| 17 | (1) Account; correspondent account; pay- |
| 18 | ABLE-THROUGH ACCOUNT.—The terms "account", |
| 19 | "correspondent account", and "payable-through ac- |
| 20 | count" have the meanings given those terms in sec- |
| 21 | tion 5318A of title 31, United States Code. |
| 22 | (2) Appropriate congressional commit- |
| 23 | TEES.—The term "appropriate congressional com- |
| 24 | mittees" means— |

| 1 | (A) the Committee on Finance, the Com- |
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| 2 | mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af- |
| 3 | fairs, and the Committee on Foreign Relations |
| 4 | of the Senate; and |
| 5 | (B) the Committee on Ways and Means |
| 6 | the Committee on Financial Services, and the |
| 7 | Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of |
| 8 | Representatives. |
| 9 | (3) FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The |
| 10 | term "foreign financial institution" has the meaning |
| 11 | of that term as determined by the Secretary of the |
| 12 | Treasury pursuant to section 104(i) of the Com- |
| 13 | prehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Di- |
| 14 | vestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8513(i)). |
| 15 | (4) Syrian person.—The term "Syrian per- |
| 16 | son' means— |
| 17 | (A) an individual who is a citizen or na- |
| 18 | tional of Syria; or |
| 19 | (B) an entity organized under the laws of |
| 20 | Syria or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of |
| 21 | the Government of Syria. |
| 22 | SEC. 204. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION. |
| 23 | The sanctions that are required to be imposed under |
| 24 | this title are in addition to other similar or related sanc- |

| 1 | tions that are required to be imposed under any other pro- |
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| 2 | vision of law. |
| 3 | TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO |
| 4 | SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS AC- |
| 5 | COUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012 |
| 6 | SEC. 301. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO |
| 7 | CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE |
| 8 | FOR OR COMPLICIT IN HUMAN RIGHTS |
| 9 | ABUSES COMMITTED AGAINST CITIZENS OF |
| 10 | SYRIA OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. |
| 11 | (a) In General.—Section 702(c) of the Syria |
| 12 | Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. |
| 13 | 8791(c)) is amended to read as follows: |
| 14 | "(c) Sanctions Described.— |
| 15 | "(1) In general.—The President shall exer- |
| 16 | cise all powers granted by the International Emer- |
| 17 | gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et |
| 18 | seq.) (except that the requirements of section 202 of |
| 19 | such Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall not apply) to the |
| 20 | extent necessary to freeze and prohibit all trans- |
| 21 | actions in all property and interests in property of |
| 22 | a person on the list required by subsection (b) if |
| 23 | such property and interests in property are in the |
| 24 | United States, come within the United States, or are |

| 1 | or come within the possession or control of a United |
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| 2 | States person. |
| 3 | "(2) Aliens ineligible for visas, admis- |
| 4 | SION, OR PAROLE.— |
| 5 | "(A) Exclusion from the united |
| 6 | STATES.—The Secretary of State shall deny a |
| 7 | visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Secu- |
| 8 | rity shall exclude from the United States, any |
| 9 | person on the list required by subsection (b) |
| 10 | that is an alien. |
| 11 | "(B) Current visas revoked.— |
| 12 | "(i) In general.—The issuing con- |
| 13 | sular officer, the Secretary of State, or the |
| 14 | Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des- |
| 15 | ignee of one of such Secretaries) shall re- |
| 16 | voke any visa or other entry documentation |
| 17 | issued to an alien on the list required by |
| 18 | subsection (b). |
| 19 | "(ii) Effect of revocation.—A |
| 20 | revocation under subclause (I) shall take |
| 21 | effect immediately and shall automatically |
| 22 | cancel any other valid visa or entry docu- |
| 23 | mentation that is in the possession of an |
| 24 | alien on the list required by subsection (b). |

- "(3) Penalties.—A person that violates, at-tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of this section or any regulation, license, or order issued to carry out this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Eco-nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-scribed in subsection (a) of that section.
 - "(4) Regulatory authority.—The President shall, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this section, promulgate regulations as necessary for the implementation of this section.
 - "(5) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions under paragraph (2) shall not apply to an alien if admitting the alien into the United States is necessary to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.
 - "(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority

- 1 of the President to impose additional sanctions pur-
- 2 suant to the International Emergency Economic
- Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), relevant Exec-
- 4 utive orders, regulations, or other provisions of
- 5 law.".
- 6 (b) Serious Human Rights Abuses Described.—
- 7 Section 702 of the Syria Human Rights Accountability
- 8 Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8791) is amended by adding at
- 9 the end the following:
- 10 "(d) Serious Human Rights Abuses De-
- 11 SCRIBED.—In subsection (b), the term 'serious human
- 12 rights abuses' includes—
- "(1) the deliberate targeting of civilian infra-
- structure to include schools, hospitals, markets, and
- power and water systems;
- 16 "(2) the deliberate targeting of humanitarian
- aid facilities, convoys, materiel, and personnel; and
- "(3) the intentional denial or obstruction of
- 19 prompt and safe access for humanitarian relief orga-
- 20 nizations and personnel, including across conflict
- 21 lines and borders.".
- (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 23 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date of
- 24 the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to
- 25 the imposition of sanctions under section 702(a) of the

| 1 | Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012 on or |
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| 2 | after such date of enactment. |
| 3 | SEC. 302. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO |
| 4 | THE TRANSFER OF GOODS OR TECH- |
| 5 | NOLOGIES TO SYRIA THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE |
| 6 | USED TO COMMIT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. |
| 7 | Section 703(b)(2)(C) of the Syria Human Rights Ac- |
| 8 | countability Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8792(b)(2)(C)) is |
| 9 | amended— |
| 10 | (1) in clause (i), by striking "or" at the end; |
| 11 | (2) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the |
| 12 | end and inserting a semicolon; and |
| 13 | (3) by adding at the end the following: |
| 14 | "(iii) any article designated by the |
| 15 | President for purposes of the United |
| 16 | States Munitions List under section |
| 17 | 38(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act |
| 18 | (22 U.S.C. 2778(a)(1)); or |
| 19 | "(iv) other goods or technologies that |
| 20 | the President determines may be used by |
| 21 | the Government of Syria to commit human |
| 22 | rights abuses against the people of Syria " |

| 1 | TITLE IV—REPORTS AND WAIV- |
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| 2 | ER FOR HUMANITARIAN-RE- |
| 3 | LATED ACTIVITIES WITH RE- |
| 4 | SPECT TO SYRIA |
| 5 | SEC. 401. REPORT ON MONITORING AND EVALUATING OF |
| 6 | ONGOING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN SYRIA |
| 7 | AND TO THE SYRIAN PEOPLE. |
| 8 | (a) In General.—Not later than 180 days after the |
| 9 | date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State |
| 10 | and the Administrator of the United States Agency for |
| 11 | International Development shall submit to the appropriate |
| 12 | congressional committees a report on the monitoring and |
| 13 | evaluation of ongoing assistance programs supported by |
| 14 | United States funding, including such programs imple- |
| 15 | mented through multilateral organizations, in Syria and |
| 16 | to the Syrian people. |
| 17 | (b) Matters To Be Included.—The report re- |
| 18 | quired by subsection (a) shall include— |
| 19 | (1) the specific project monitoring and evalua- |
| 20 | tion plans, including measurable goals and perform- |
| 21 | ance metrics for cross-border assistance in Syria; |
| 22 | and |
| 23 | (2) the major challenges to monitoring and |
| 24 | evaluating programs in Syria. |

| 1 | SEC. 402. REPORT ON CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE RE- |
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| 2 | SPONSIBLE FOR OR COMPLICIT IN CERTAIN |
| 3 | HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SYRIA. |
| 4 | (a) In General.—Not later than 120 days after the |
| 5 | date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub- |
| 6 | mit to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed |
| 7 | report with respect to whether each person described in |
| 8 | subsection (b) is a person that meets the requirements de- |
| 9 | scribed in section 702(b) of the Syria Human Rights Ac- |
| 10 | countability Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8791(b)) for purposes |
| 11 | of inclusion on the list of persons who are responsible for |
| 12 | or complicit in certain human rights abuses under such |
| 13 | section. For any such person who is not included in such |
| 14 | report, the President should include in the report a de- |
| 15 | scription of the reasons why the person was not included, |
| 16 | including information on whether sufficient credible evi- |
| 17 | dence of responsibility for such abuses was found. |
| 18 | (b) Persons Described.—The persons described in |
| 19 | this subsection are the following: |
| 20 | (1) Bashar Al-Assad. |
| 21 | (2) Asma Al-Assad. |
| 22 | (3) Rami Makhlouf. |
| 23 | (4) Bouthayna Shaaban. |
| 24 | (5) Walid Moallem. |
| 25 | (6) Ali Al-Salim. |
| 26 | (7) Wael Nader Al-Halqi. |

| 1 | (8) Jamil Hassan. |
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| 2 | (9) Suhail Hassan. |
| 3 | (10) Ali Mamluk. |
| 4 | (11) Muhammed Khadour, Deir Ez Zor Mili- |
| 5 | tary and Security. |
| 6 | (12) Jamal Razzouq, Security Branch 243. |
| 7 | (13) Munzer Ghanam, Air Force Intelligence. |
| 8 | (14) Daas Hasan Ali, Branch 327. |
| 9 | (15) Jassem Ali Jassem Hamad, Political Secu- |
| 10 | rity. |
| 11 | (16) Samir Muhammad Youssef, Military Intel- |
| 12 | ligence. |
| 13 | (17) Ali Ahmad Dayoub, Air Force Intelligence |
| 14 | (18) Khaled Muhsen Al-Halabi, Security |
| 15 | Branch 335. |
| 16 | (19) Mahmoud Kahila, Political Security. |
| 17 | (20) Zuhair Ahmad Hamad, Provincial Secu- |
| 18 | rity. |
| 19 | (21) Wafiq Nasser, Security Branch 245. |
| 20 | (22) Qussay Mayoub, Air Force Intelligence. |
| 21 | (23) Muhammad Ammar Sardini, Political Se- |
| 22 | curity. |
| 23 | (24) Fouad Hammouda, Military Security. |
| 24 | (25) Hasan Daaboul, Branch 261. |
| 25 | (26) Yahia Wahbi, Air Force Intelligence. |

| 1 | (27) Okab Saqer, Security Branch 318. |
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| 2 | (28) Husam Luqa, Political Security. |
| 3 | (29) Sami Al-Hasan, Security Branch 219. |
| 4 | (30) Yassir Deeb, Political Security. |
| 5 | (31) Ibrahim Darwish, Security Branch 220. |
| 6 | (32) Nasser Deeb, Political Security. |
| 7 | (33) Abdullatif Al-Fahed, Security Branch 290. |
| 8 | (34) Adeeb Namer Salamah, Air Force Intel- |
| 9 | ligence. |
| 10 | (35) Akram Muhammed, State Security. |
| 11 | (36) Reyad Abbas, Political Security. |
| 12 | (37) Ali Abdullah Ayoub, Syrian Armed Forces. |
| 13 | (38) Fahd Jassem Al-Freij, Defense Ministry. |
| 14 | (39) Issam Halaq, Air Force. |
| 15 | (40) Ghassan Al-Abdullah, General Intelligence |
| 16 | Directorate. |
| 17 | (41) Maher Al-Assad, Republican Guard. |
| 18 | (42) Fahad Al-Farouch. |
| 19 | (43) Rafiq Shahada, Military Intelligence. |
| 20 | (44) Loay Al-Ali, Military Intelligence. |
| 21 | (45) Nawfal Al-Husayn, Military Intelligence. |
| 22 | (46) Muhammad Zamrini, Military Intelligence. |
| 23 | (47) Muhammad Mahallah, Military Intel- |
| 24 | ligence. |
| 25 | (c) Form of Report; Public Availability.— |

| 1 | (1) FORM.—The list required by subsection (a) |
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| 2 | shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in- |
| 3 | clude a classified annex if necessary. |
| 4 | (2) Public availability.—The unclassified |
| 5 | portion of the list required by paragraph (1) shall be |
| 6 | made available to the public and posted on the |
| 7 | websites of the Department of the Treasury and the |
| 8 | Department of State. |
| 9 | SEC. 403. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS OF |
| 10 | AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISH- |
| 11 | MENT OF A NO-FLY ZONE, SAFE ZONES, OR A |
| 12 | NO-BOMBING ZONE IN SYRIA. |
| 13 | (a) In General.—Not later than 90 days after the |
| 14 | date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub- |
| 15 | mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report |
| 16 | that— |
| 17 | (1) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks, |
| 18 | and operational requirements of the establishment |
| 19 | and maintenance of a no-fly zone over part or all of |
| 20 | Syria, including— |
| 21 | (A) the operational and legal requirements |
| 22 | for United States and coalition air power to es- |
| 23 | tablish a no-fly zone over all or part of Syria; |
| 24 | (B) the impact a no-fly zone over all or |
| 25 | part of Syria would have on humanitarian and |

| 1 | counterterrorism efforts in Syria and the sur- |
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| 2 | rounding region; and |
| 3 | (C) the potential for force contributions |
| 4 | from other countries to establish a no-fly zone |
| 5 | over all or part of Syria; |
| 6 | (2) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks, |
| 7 | and operational requirements for the establishment |
| 8 | of one or more safe zones in Syria for internally dis- |
| 9 | placed persons or for the facilitation of humani- |
| 10 | tarian assistance, including— |
| 11 | (A) the operational and legal requirements |
| 12 | for United States and coalition forces to estab- |
| 13 | lish one or more safe zones in Syria; |
| 14 | (B) the impact one or more safe zones in |
| 15 | Syria would have on humanitarian and counter- |
| 16 | terrorism efforts in Syria and the surrounding |
| 17 | region; and |
| 18 | (C) the potential for contributions from |
| 19 | other countries and vetted non-state actor part- |
| 20 | ners to establish and maintain one or more safe |
| 21 | zones in Syria; and |
| 22 | (3) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks, |
| 23 | and operational requirements of the establishment |
| 24 | and maintenance of a no-bombing zone over all or |
| 25 | part of Syria, including— |

- 1 (A) the operational and legal requirements 2 for United States and coalition air power to es-3 tablish a no-bombing zone over all or part of 4 Syria; (B) the impact a no-bombing zone over all 6 or part of Syria would have on humanitarian 7 and counterterrorism efforts in Syria and the 8 surrounding region; and 9 (C) the potential for force contributions 10 from other countries to establish a no-bombing 11 zone over all or part of Syria. 12 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted to the appropriate congressional committees in unclassified form, but may contain a classified 14 15 annex if necessary. 16 (c) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Con-
- 16 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con17 gress that, in the development of the report required by
 18 subsection (a), the President, or the President's designees,
 19 should consult with humanitarian organizations operating
 20 in the region.
- 21 (d) Public Availability of Information.—The 22 unclassified information referred to in subsections (a) and 23 (b) shall be made available on a publicly available Internet 24 website of the Federal Government.

| 1 | SEC. 404. ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT ENTITIES TAKING AC- |
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| 2 | TIONS RELATING TO GATHERING EVIDENCE |
| 3 | FOR INVESTIGATIONS INTO WAR CRIMES OR |
| 4 | CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN SYRIA SINCE |
| 5 | MARCH 2011. |
| 6 | (a) In General.—The Secretary of State, acting |
| 7 | through the Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human |
| 8 | Rights and Labor and the Assistant Secretary for Inter- |
| 9 | national Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, is au- |
| 10 | thorized to provide assistance to support entities that are |
| 11 | conducting criminal investigations, building Syrian inves- |
| 12 | tigative capacity, supporting prosecutions in national |
| 13 | courts, collecting evidence and preserving the chain of evi- |
| 14 | dence for eventual prosecution against those who have |
| 15 | committed war crimes or crimes against humanity in Syria |
| 16 | since March 2011. |
| 17 | (b) Report.—Not later than one year after the date |
| 18 | of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall |
| 19 | submit to the appropriate congressional committees a de- |
| 20 | tailed report on assistance provided under subsection (a). |
| 21 | SEC. 405. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES |
| 22 | DEFINED. |
| 23 | In this title, the term "appropriate congressional |
| 24 | committees" means— |
| 25 | (1) the Select Committee on Intelligence, the |
| 26 | Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af- |

- fairs, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and
- (2) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel ligence, the Committee on Financial Services, and
 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
 Representatives.

7 TITLE V—SUSPENSION OF SANC-

8 TIONS WITH RESPECT TO

9 **SYRIA**

- 10 SEC. 501. SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
- 11 SYRIA.
- 12 (a) Suspension of Sanctions.—
- 13 (1)NEGOTIATIONS NOT CONCLUDING IN 14 AGREEMENT.—If the President determines that 15 internationally recognized negotiations to resolve the 16 violence in Syria have not concluded in an agree-17 ment or are likely not to conclude in an agreement, 18 the President may suspend, as appropriate, in whole 19 or in part, the imposition of sanctions otherwise re-20 quired under this Act or any amendment made by 21 this Act for a period not to exceed 120 days, and re-22 newable for additional periods not to exceed 120 23 days, if the President submits to the appropriate 24 congressional committees in writing a determination 25 and certification that the Government of Syria has

ended military attacks against and gross violations of the human rights of the people of Syria, specifically—

- (A) the air space over Syria is no longer being utilized by the Government of Syria and associated forces to target civilian populations through the use of incendiary devices, including barrel bombs, chemical weapons, and conventional arms, including air-delivered missiles and explosives;
- (B) areas besieged by the regime of Bashar al-Assad and associated forces, including Hezbollah and irregular Iranian forces, are no longer cut off from international aid and have regular access to humanitarian assistance, freedom of travel, and medical care;
- (C) the Government of Syria is releasing all political prisoners forcibly held within the prison system of the regime of Bashar al-Assad, including the facilities maintained by various security, intelligence, and military elements associated with the Government of Syria and allowed full access to the same facilities for investigations by appropriate international human rights organizations; and

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| 1 | (D) the forces of the Government of Syria |
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| 2 | and associated forces, including Hezbollah, ir- |
| 3 | regular Iranian forces, and air assets of the |
| 4 | Government of the Russian Federation, are no |
| 5 | longer engaged in deliberate targeting of med- |
| 6 | ical facilities, schools, residential areas, and |
| 7 | community gathering places, including markets, |
| 8 | in flagrant violation of international norms. |
| 9 | (2) Negotiations concluding in agree- |
| 10 | MENT.— |
| 11 | (A) Initial suspension of sanctions.— |
| 12 | If the President determines that internationally |
| 13 | recognized negotiations to resolve the violence |
| 14 | in Syria have concluded in an agreement or are |
| 15 | likely to conclude in an agreement, the Presi- |
| 16 | dent may suspend, as appropriate, in whole or |
| 17 | in part, the imposition of sanctions otherwise |
| 18 | required under this Act or any amendment |
| 19 | made by this Act for a period not to exceed 120 |
| 20 | days if the President submits to the appropriate |
| 21 | congressional committees in writing a deter- |
| 22 | mination and certification that— |
| 23 | (i) in the case in which the negotia- |
| 24 | tions are likely to conclude in an agree- |
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| 1 | (I) the Government of Syria, the |
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| 2 | Syrian High Negotiations Committee |
| 3 | or its successor, and appropriate |
| 4 | international parties are participating |
| 5 | in direct, face-to-face negotiations; |
| 6 | and |
| 7 | (II) the suspension of sanctions |
| 8 | under this Act or any amendment |
| 9 | made by this Act is essential to the |
| 10 | advancement of such negotiations; and |
| 11 | (ii) the Government of Syria has dem- |
| 12 | onstrated a commitment to a significant |
| 13 | and substantial reduction in attacks on |
| 14 | and violence against the people of Syria by |
| 15 | the Government of Syria and associated |
| 16 | forces. |
| 17 | (B) Renewal of suspension of sanc- |
| 18 | TIONS.—The President may renew a suspension |
| 19 | of sanctions under subparagraph (A) for addi- |
| 20 | tional periods not to exceed 120 days if, for |
| 21 | each such additional period, the President sub- |
| 22 | mits to the appropriate congressional commit- |
| 23 | tees in writing a determination and certification |
| 24 | that— |

| 1 | (i) the conditions described in clauses |
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| 2 | (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) are con- |
| 3 | tinuing to be met; |
| 4 | (ii) the renewal of the suspension of |
| 5 | sanctions is essential to implementing an |
| 6 | agreement described in subparagraph (A) |
| 7 | or making progress toward concluding an |
| 8 | agreement described in subparagraph (A); |
| 9 | (iii) the Government of Syria and as- |
| 10 | sociated forces have ceased attacks against |
| 11 | Syrian civilians; and |
| 12 | (iv) the Government of Syria has pub- |
| 13 | lically committed to negotiations for a |
| 14 | transitional government in Syria and con- |
| 15 | tinues to demonstrate that commitment |
| 16 | through sustained engagement in talks and |
| 17 | substantive and verifiable progress towards |
| 18 | the implementation of such an agreement. |
| 19 | (3) Briefing and reimposition of sanc- |
| 20 | TIONS.— |
| 21 | (A) Briefing.—Not later than 30 days |
| 22 | after the President submits to the appropriate |
| 23 | congressional committees a determination and |
| 24 | certification in the case of a renewal of suspen- |
| 25 | sion of sanctions under paragraph (2)(B), and |

every 30 days thereafter, the President shall provide a briefing to the appropriate congressional committees on the status and frequency of negotiations described in paragraph (2).

- (B) Reimposition of sanctions.—If the President provides a briefing to the appropriate congressional committees under subparagraph (A) with respect to which the President indicates a lapse in negotiations described in paragraph (2) for a period that equals or exceeds 90 days, the sanctions that were suspended under paragraph (2)(B) shall be reimposed and any further suspension of such sanctions is prohibited.
- 15 (b) Sense of Congress To Be Considered for 16 Determining a Transitional Government in 17 Syria.—It is the sense of Congress that a transitional 18 government in Syria is a government that—
 - (1) is taking verifiable steps to release all political prisoners and provided full access to Syrian prisons for investigations by appropriate international human rights organizations;
- 23 (2) is taking verifiable steps to remove former 24 senior Syrian government officials who are complicit 25 in the conception, implementation, or coverup of war

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| 1 | crimes, crimes against humanity, or human rights |
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| 2 | abuses from government positions and any person |
| 3 | subject to sanctions under any provision of law; |
| 4 | (3) is in the process of organizing free and fair |
| 5 | elections for a new government— |
| 6 | (A) to be held in a timely manner and |
| 7 | scheduled while the suspension of sanctions or |
| 8 | the renewal of the suspension of sanctions |
| 9 | under this section is in effect; and |
| 10 | (B) to be conducted under the supervision |
| 11 | of internationally recognized observers; |
| 12 | (4) is making tangible progress toward estab- |
| 13 | lishing an independent judiciary; |
| 14 | (5) is demonstrating respect for and compliance |
| 15 | with internationally recognized human rights and |
| 16 | basic freedoms as specified in the Universal Declara- |
| 17 | tion of Human Rights; |
| 18 | (6) is— |
| 19 | (A) taking steps to verifiably fulfill its |
| 20 | commitments under the Convention on the Pro- |
| 21 | hibition of the Development, Production, Stock- |
| 22 | piling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on |
| 23 | their Destruction, done at Paris January 13, |
| 24 | 1993, and entered into force April 29, 1997 |
| 25 | (commonly known as the "Chemical Weapons |

- 1 Convention") and the Treaty on the Non-Pro-2 liferation of Nuclear Weapons, done at Wash-3 ington, London, and Moscow July 1, 1968 (21 4 UST 483) (commonly referred to as the "Nu-5 clear Nonproliferation Treaty");
 - (B) making tangible progress toward becoming a signatory to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, done at Washington, London, and Moscow April 10, 1972 and entered into force March 26, 1975 (commonly known as the "Biological Weapons Convention"); and
 - (C) adhering to the Missile Technology Control Regime and other control lists, as necessary;
 - (7) has halted the development and deployment of ballistic and cruise missiles; and
 - (8) is taking verifiable steps to remove from positions of authority within the intelligence and security services as well as the military those who were in a position of authority or responsibility during the conflict and who under the authority of their position were implicated in or implicit in the torture,

| 1 | extrajudicial killing, or execution of civilians, to in- |
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| 2 | clude those who were involved in decisionmaking or |
| 3 | execution of plans to use chemical weapons. |
| 4 | SEC. 502. WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS. |
| 5 | (a) Exemptions.—The following activities and |
| 6 | transactions shall be exempt from sanctions authorized |
| 7 | under this Act and amendments made by this Act: |
| 8 | (1) Any activity subject to the reporting re- |
| 9 | quirements under title V of the National Security |
| 10 | Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.), or to any au- |
| 11 | thorized intelligence activities of the United States. |
| 12 | (2) Any transaction necessary to comply with |
| 13 | United States obligations under— |
| 14 | (A) the Agreement between the United Na- |
| 15 | tions and the United States of America regard- |
| 16 | ing the Headquarters of the United Nations, |
| 17 | signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and en- |
| 18 | tered into force November 21, 1947; or |
| 19 | (B) the Convention on Consular Relations, |
| 20 | done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and entered |
| 21 | into force March 19, 1967. |
| 22 | (b) Humanitarian and Democracy Assistance |
| 23 | Waiver.— |
| 24 | (1) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the |
| 25 | policy of the United States to fully utilize the waiver |

- authority under this subsection to ensure that adequate humanitarian relief or support for democracy promotion is provided to the people of Syria.
 - (2) Waiver.—The President may waive, on a case-by-case basis, for a period not to exceed 180 days, and renewable for additional periods not to exceed 120 days, the application of sanctions authorized under this Act or amendments made by this Act if the President submits to the appropriate congressional committees a written determination that the waiver is necessary for purposes of providing humanitarian assistance or support for democracy promotion to the people of Syria.
 - (3) Content of written determination.—
 A written determination submitted under paragraph
 (1) with respect to a waiver shall include a description of all notification and accountability controls that have been employed in order to ensure that the activities covered by the waiver are humanitarian assistance or support for democracy promotion and do not entail any activities in Syria or dealings with the Government of Syria not reasonably related to humanitarian assistance or support for democracy promotion.

- (4) CLARIFICATION OF PERMITTED ACTIVITIES
 UNDER WAIVER.—The President may not impose
 sanctions authorized under this Act or amendments
 made by this Act against an internationally recognized humanitarian organization for—
 - (A) engaging in a financial transaction relating to humanitarian assistance or for humanitarian purposes pursuant to a waiver issued under paragraph (1);
 - (B) transporting goods or services that are necessary to carry out operations relating to humanitarian assistance or humanitarian purposes pursuant to such a waiver; or
 - (C) having incidental contact, in the course of providing humanitarian assistance or aid for humanitarian purposes pursuant to such a waiver, with individuals who are under the control of a foreign person subject to sanctions under this Act or any amendment made by this Act.

(c) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

(1) In General.—The President may, on a case-by-case basis and for periods not to exceed 120 days, waive the application of sanctions under this Act or amendments made by this Act with respect

to a foreign person if the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that such waiver is vital to the national security interests of the United States.

(2) Consultation.—

- (A) Before waiver issued.—Not later than 5 days before the issuance of a waiver under paragraph (1) is to take effect, the President shall notify and brief the appropriate congressional committees on the status of the foreign person's involvement in activities described in this Act or amendments made by this Act.
- (B) After waiver issued.—Not later than 90 days after the issuance of a waiver under paragraph (1), and every 120 days thereafter if the waiver remains in effect, the President shall brief the appropriate congressional committees on the status of the foreign person's involvement in activities described in this Act or amendments made by this Act.

21 SEC. 503. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES 22 DEFINED.

In this title, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—

| 1 | (1) the Select Committee on Intelligence, the |
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| 2 | Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af |
| 3 | fairs, and the Committee on Foreign Relations or |
| 4 | the Senate; and |
| 5 | (2) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel- |
| 6 | ligence, the Committee on Financial Services, and |
| 7 | the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of |
| 8 | Representatives. |
| 9 | TITLE VI—REGULATORY |
| 10 | AUTHORITY AND SUNSET |
| 11 | SEC. 601. REGULATORY AUTHORITY. |
| 12 | (a) In General.—The President shall, not later |
| 13 | than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act |
| 14 | promulgate regulations as necessary for the implementa- |
| 15 | tion of this Act and the amendments made by this Act |
| 16 | (b) Notification to Congress.—Not less than 10 |
| 17 | days before the promulgation of regulations under sub- |
| 18 | section (a), the President shall notify and provide to the |
| 19 | appropriate congressional committees the proposed regula |
| 20 | tions and the provisions of this Act and the amendments |
| 21 | made by this Act that the regulations are implementing |
| 22 | (c) Definition.—In this section, the term "appro- |
| 23 | priate congressional committees" means— |

| 1 | (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the |
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| 2 | Committee on Financial Services of the House of |
| 3 | Representatives; and |
| 4 | (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and |
| 5 | the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af- |
| 6 | fairs of the Senate. |
| 7 | SEC. 602. SUNSET. |
| 8 | This Act shall cease to be effective beginning on De- |
| 9 | cember 31, 2021. |

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